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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Seattle, Washington 98101

December 11, 1998

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Applicant is aware of the information listed in the attached form that may be material to the prosecution of the above-identified patent application.

1. X Copies of the listed patents, publications, and other information are enclosed for the Examiner's use.
2. X A concise explanation of the relevance of Document I.D. No. 8004718 (which is not in the English language), as presently understood by the individual designated under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about its content, is provided in the attached Explanation of Foreign Patent.
3. X Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), this information disclosure statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the national application, within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.491 in an international application, or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

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- 1 4. X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16,  
2 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or  
3 credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also  
4 hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required  
5 upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application.

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**EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE OF FOREIGN PATENTS**

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), applicants respectfully submit a concise explanation of relevance of each patent listed in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed herewith that is not in the English language.

**REMARKS**

1. Dutch Patent No. 8004718

Dutch Patent No. 8004718 appears to relate generally to attachment brackets for an in-line ice skate. Referring to the Figures of the Dutch patent, the in-line ice skate 5 includes an upper boot portion 1 and a frame 7 having an ice blade 6 attached to a lower portion of the frame. The frame 7 is attached to the heel and toe areas of the boot portion 1 by first and second brackets 3 and 4. As

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1 may be best seen by referring to Figures 4-6 of the Dutch patent, the brackets have either a  
2 substantially triangular shape (Figures 4 and 5) or a circular shape (Figure 6).

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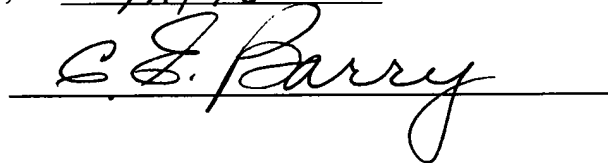
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